

June 20, 1940

Mr. L. C. Bishop
State Engineer
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Bishop:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 17, relating difficulties on distribution of water of Bench Creek from Utah streams on to Wyoming lands. I will try to get an engineer into that section shortly, to see what might be done to solve the difficulty referred to by you.

Distribution in that section of the State is difficult in any year, and particularly in the years of drouth when there is insufficient water like unto this time. I think perhaps a committee of three appointed by each of the states to adjust the differences, like unto the organization set up on the Bear might be helpful in the Burnt Fork area. I wish you would give this thought a little consideration.

Mr. McGinnis of Burnt Fork is in error when he says I appointed him to act as Water Commissioner last year. As a matter of fact, I refused so to do by reason of a protest from the water users in that section. If there is a commissioner appointed, it should be a Utah man and one that is fair and generally satisfactory to the Utah and to the Wyoming users. The same regulations should control the appointment of a water commissioner on the Wyoming side. I am sure you will agree with this. Now the next thing to do is to find two such men. I will do the best I can towards it on the Utah side, and write you further when my engineer will have returned from a field inspection.

Yours very truly ,

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